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# UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL

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Attorney Docket No		36968-254529
First Inventor	VERNON MEADOWS	
Title	SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR ELECTRONIC MESSAGE STATUS CERTIFICATION	
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## APPLICATION ELEMENTS

See MPEP chapter 600 concerning utility patent application contents

1.  Fee Transmittal Form (e.g., PTO/SB/17)  
(Submit an original and a duplicate for fee processing)

2.  Applicant claims small entity status.  
See 37 CFR 1.27.

3.  Specification [Total Pages 45]  
(preferred arrangement set forth below)
 

- Descriptive title of the Invention
- Cross References to Related Applications
- Statement Regarding Fed sponsored R & D
- Reference to sequence listing, a table, or a computer program listing appendix
- Background of the Invention
- Brief Summary of the Invention
- Brief Description of the Drawings (if filed)
- Detailed Description
- Claim(s)
- Abstract of the Disclosure

4.  Drawing(s) (35 U.S.C. 113) [Total Sheets 5]

5. Oath or Declaration [Total Pages 6]
 

- a.  Newly executed (original or copy)
- b.  Copy from a prior application (37 CFR 1.63 (d))  
(for a continuation/divisional with Box 18 completed)
- i.  DELETION OF INVENTOR(S)  
Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application, see 37 CFR 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).

6.  Application Data Sheet. See 37 CFR 1.76

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7.  CD-ROM or CD-R in duplicate, large table or Computer Program (Appendix)

8. Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission  
(if applicable, all necessary)
 

- a.  Computer Readable Form (CRF)
- b. Specification Sequence Listing on:
  - i.  CD-ROM or CD-R (2 copies); or
  - ii.  paper
- c.  Statements verifying identity of above copies

## ACCOMPANYING APPLICATIONS PARTS

9.  Assignment Papers (cover sheet & document(s))

10.  37 C.F.R. §3.73(b) Statement  Power of Attorney  
(when there is an assignee)

11.  English Translation Document (if applicable)

12.  Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)/PTO-1449  Copies of IDS Citations

13.  Preliminary Amendment

14.  Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503)  
(Should be specifically itemized)

15.  Certified Copy of Priority Document(s)  
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16.  Request and Certification under 35 U.S.C. 122 (b)(2)(B)(i). Applicant must attach form PTO/SB/35 or its equivalent.

17.  Other: Recordation Form Cover Sheet

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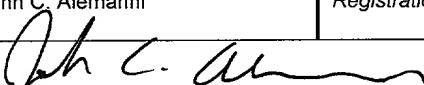
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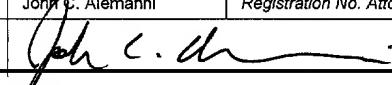
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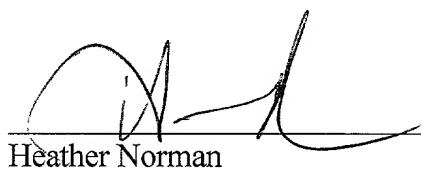
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